

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

- ☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **ANSWER**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**  
☐ **UNTIMELY**

**DATE: 10/1/2021**

**DOCKET #: 2021-865**

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Tara Elaine Bell Hawkins  
Address: 4100 Lucas Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70605  
Office/Position: Lake Charles North Redevelopment Authority  
# of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 3  
Years Covered: 2017-2019  
Final Report: No (Final Year 2019)

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018  
Report ID: PFD21009022  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
NOD Received: 5/10/2021  
NOD Signed by: Ladena Daigle  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 5/19/2021  
PFD/Answer Filed: 6/1/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$650  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 13  
Total days late from initial due date: 748  
Late Fee Order Received: 7/26/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 8/16/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 7/30/2021

## COMMENTS:

Tara B. Hawkins is requesting a waiver for the late filing of her 2018 PFD Statement. Ms. Hawkins stated she resigned from the Lake Charles North Redevelopment Authority (LCNRA) on February 27, 2019. She filed her first Annual PFD during her 2018 tenure, but was unaware that she was required to file annually. Ms. Hawkins assumed she was no longer required to file once she resigned. "It was just not clear or logical" that she would need to file a 2018 disclosure in May of 2019, when she was no longer on the board. Nor did she expect that a 2019 disclosure would still be applicable. Once advised that the disclosures were still required, she filed a compliant disclosure. She stated she was not paid while serving as a voluntarily commissioner; And in light of her "personal time and costs expended to serve, and her efforts to properly notify the City of Lake Charles of her resignation, the fine should be waived. Moreover, such an unexpected fine of this large amount for disclosures, unknowingly due in the months and subsequent year after her departure, for a defunct entity is a hardship and serves no useful purpose." Ms. Hawkins stated there was no willful or unduly negligent behavior.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: Yes - 2019 \$650

### Pending Waiver

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No